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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FORMER UNION OFFICER SENTENCED FOR
EMBEZZLEMENT OF UNION FUNDS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young today sentenced BERNARD P. SCHELLER, 47, of Newburgh, Indiana, to 6 months in a work release center as part of 2 years of probation, following his guilty plea to embezzlement by a labor organization officer. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SCHELLER admitted that he embezzled funds from the Communications Workers of America, Local 14448, when he was the secretary-treasurer for the union which is located in Evansville, Indiana. The embezzlement, involving approximately \$22,250, occurred between July of 2000 and May of 2003. During his sentencing hearing, SCHELLER indicated that he had a gambling problem at the time of the embezzlement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, during the period of probation Judge Young also ordered SCHELLER to complete 100 hours of community service. SCHELLER was also ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$22,250.

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